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Applicant: Eric W. Triplett et al. )  
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Enhancing Plant Growth )

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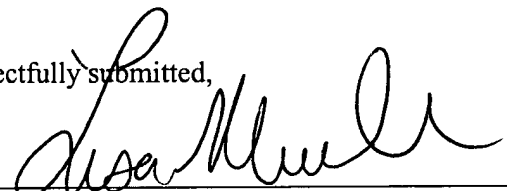
Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the request for restriction mailed on June 1, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants herewith elect to prosecute the claims in Group I (claims 1-2, 4, 5 and 14) drawn to a *Klebsiella pneumoniae* composition. This election is made without traverse.

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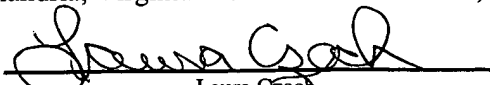
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